

# *West Virginia Board of Medicine Quarterly Newsletter*

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## **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

*Angelo N. Georges, M.D.*, an internal medicine specialist, engaged in the private practice of medicine in Wheeling, West Virginia, was recently elected President of the West Virginia Board of Medicine for his first term.

*Carmen R. Rexrode, M.D.*, a family practitioner from Moorefield, West Virginia, was elected Vice President of the West Virginia Board of Medicine for her first term.

## **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT INFORMATION**

Some Responsibilities of the Supervising Physician  
*(11 CSR 1B 9)*

The supervising physician is responsible for observing, directing and evaluating the work, records and practices performed by the physician assistant.

The supervising physician shall notify the Board in writing of any termination of the employment of his or her physician assistant within ten (10) days of the termination.

**The legal responsibility for any physician assistant remains that of his or her supervising physician at all times. Also, in temporary situations not to exceed twenty one (21) days, when a licensed and fully qualified physician assistant is substituting for another licensed physician assistant, the acts and omissions of the substituting physician assistant are the legal responsibility of the absent physician assistant's designated supervising physician.**

The temporary change in supervisory responsibility shall be provided to the Board in writing, within ten (10) days of the effective date of the substitution, signed by the affected supervising physicians and physician assistants, and clearly specifying the dates of substitution.

***Please refer to the West Virginia Medical Practice Act and Rules of the West Virginia Board of Medicine for the entire record of responsibilities of supervising physicians and physician assistants. Contact Charlotte Jewell, Physician Assistant Coordinator of the Board of Medicine, at 304/558-2921 x210, for a copy.***

### **???DID YOU KNOW???**

The West Virginia Board of Medicine is responsible for the formation and approval of PROFESSIONAL LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES with two (2) or more members.

Physicians licensed to practice medicine and surgery and podiatrists licensed to practice podiatry in an active status in this State who desire to render medical/podiatric professional services as a limited liability company shall comply with the provisions of West Virginia Code §31B-13-1 et seq.

Every professional limited liability company shall file with the Board at the time of formation, the names of its two (2) or more members and written documentation that the professional limited liability company carries at least one million dollars of professional liability insurance, together with an initial filing fee of \$100. Thereafter, every professional limited liability company on an annual basis on or before the first day of July, shall file with the Board the names of its two (2) or more members, and written documentation that the professional limited liability company carries at least one million dollars of professional limited liability insurance, together with an annual renewal fee of \$100. On or before the first day of July on an annual basis, every professional limited liability company shall file with the Board a copy of the annual report required to be filed with the Secretary of State under West Virginia Code §31B-2-211.

If any person ceases to be a member of any professional limited liability company, that person shall so notify the Board in writing within twenty (20) days from the day that the person ceases to be a member of the professional limited liability company.

If the Board determines that a professional limited liability company is not in compliance with all the provisions of 11 CSR 7 and should cease rendering professional services in the State, the Board shall notify the professional limited liability company in writing of its noncompliance and shall order the professional limited liability company to stop rendering professional services.

For a complete copy of Rule 11 CSR 7, Formation and Approval of Professional Limited Liability Companies, please contact the Board offices at 304/558-2921 x224.

**BOARD ACTIONS JULY 2002 – SEPTEMBER 2002**

ACOSTA, ARMANDO M., M.D. Williamson, WV (09/09/02)

WV License No. 13673

Board Finding: Found guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction of a felony involving prescribing, selling, administering, dispensing, mixing or otherwise preparing any prescription drug, including any controlled substance under State or Federal law, for other than generally accepted therapeutic purposes.

Board Action: License REVOKED effective September 15, 2002.

HENSHAW, RAYMOND E., II, M.D. - Parkersburg, WV (08/02/02)

WV License No. 17162

Board Finding: Relating to having been subjected to disciplinary action by the licensing authority of another state.

Board Action: By CONSENT ORDER entered December 1, 1999, Dr. Henshaw's license was placed in a PROBATIONARY status for a period of four (4) years, subject to limitations. By AMENDED CONSENT ORDER dated August 2, 2002, Dr. Henshaw's CONSENT ORDER was amended, as follows: "Dr. Henshaw shall submit to random urine screenings for controlled substances and alcohol on a monthly basis. . ."

IYER, SHIVKUMAR L., M.D. – South Charleston, WV (07/22/02)

WV License No. 18736

Board Finding: Relating to unprofessional conduct, inappropriate influence upon a patient for improper purpose, and unsatisfactory medical records.

Board Action: Dr. Iyer's license is SUSPENDED, and Dr. Iyer shall undergo evaluation at the Colorado Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP) and shall comply with recommendations, if any, for remediation, if any, developed by the Board based on the results of his CPEP evaluation and the Board's good judgment. Dr. Iyer's license shall remain suspended throughout the CPEP evaluation, presentation to the Complaint Committee and Board, and entry of the present Consent Order and any subsequent Consent Order.

MILLER, ROBERT BARRY, M.D. - Mooresville, NC (09/30/02)

WV License No. 13274

Board Finding: Relating to conviction of a felony; engaging in dishonorable, unethical, and unprofessional conduct; and violating any provision of the Medical Practice Act or a rule or order of the Board.

Board Action: License SUSPENDED effective immediately upon entry of the Consent Order, which suspension shall remain in effect pending Dr. Miller's release from incarceration and his appearance before the Board's Complaint Committee.

PAXTON, CHARLES CARLESS, D.P.M. - St. Albans, WV (09/18/02)

WV License No. 00104

Board Finding: Renewing a license to practice podiatry by misrepresentation, and making a false statement in connection with a licensure application.

Board Action: License SURRENDERED effective August 16, 2002.

SCHWARZENBERG, MICHAEL RICHARD, M.D. - Kingwood, WV (08/26/02)

WV License No. 14978

Board Finding: Relating to failure to keep adequate records; failure to practice within an acceptable level of care, skill, and treatment; and professional incompetence.

Board Action: PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED for deficiencies in medical diagnosis, treatment, and record keeping; civil fine in the amount of \$2,500; and to successfully complete a Board-approved course in record keeping.

WALTER, STEVEN WAYNE, M.D. - Lewisburg, WV (09/25/02)

**WV License No. 16305**

Board Finding: The inability to practice medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety due to . . .abuse of . . .alcohol.

Board Action: By CONSENT ORDER entered February 6, 2002, Dr. Walter was licensed to practice medicine in the State of West Virginia, subject to accommodations, limitations, and restrictions. Dr. Walter's license was immediately REVOKED, and said revocation was STAYED, and his license was placed in a PROBATIONARY status effective February 15, 2002, for a period of three (3) years. By AMENDED CONSENT ORDER dated September 25, 2002, the therapy with a Board-approved psychotherapist was reduced from weekly to every other week.

### **LICENSE DENIED**

BONITATIBUS, PATRICIA, M.D. – Wheeling, WV (07/15/02)

WV License No. 15285

Board Finding: Relating to prescribing other than in good faith and in a therapeutic manner in accordance with accepted medical standards and in the course of the physician's professional practice, and unprofessional, unethical, and dishonorable conduct.

Board Action: License DENIED and CONFIRMED effective June 2, 2002, by Order dated July 15, 2002.

## **E-MAIL NEWSLETTER**

Many of you have requested to have this quarterly publication sent to you via e-mail. Beginning with the next issue, we will no longer send you a paper copy of the newsletter if you have requested to have it delivered via e-mail. Please be aware that you must clearly fill out the e-mail request form so that we are sending this publication to the correct e-mail address. If for some reason you do not receive the newsletter after this date, the latest version of the newsletter is always available on the Board's website under the Newsletter and Directory link.

## **LICENSURE INFORMATION 3rd Quarter 2002**

On July 15, 2002, the Board permanently licensed 72 medical doctors and 3 podiatrists. On September 9, 2002, the Board granted 72 medical doctors and 2 podiatrists licensure.

According to information provided to the Board by physicians, the number of medical doctors actively practicing within West Virginia on September 30, 2002, was 3,510. The number of podiatrists actively practicing within the state was 70.

## **BOARD MEMBER PROFILE**

Catherine C. Slemp, M.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Slemp has served as the Board of Medicine's Secretary since July 15, 2002. She has been designated State Director of Health for this purpose by Department of Health and Human Resources Secretary Nusbaum.

Dr. Slemp received her A.B. degree cum laude, in Biochemistry, from Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, and her M.D. degree from Duke University School of Medicine, Durham, North Carolina. Her Family Practice Residency was at St. Margaret Memorial Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She then received a Masters of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1993 and completed her Residency in Preventive Medicine in 1994. While serving as Clinical Director of the Division of Surveillance and Disease Control (DSDC) for the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health from 1994 through 2000, she was a Public Health Leadership Scholar from 1997 through 1998 at the Public Health Leadership Institute of North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia. From 2000 to February of 2002, she was Communicable Disease Transitions Coordinator and Medical Epidemiologist at the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health, DSDC, and since February, 2002, she has been Executive Director of Public Health Threat Preparedness, West Virginia Bureau for Public Health.

Dr. Slemp was Board Certified in Family Practice in 1992 and re-certified in 1998. She has been Board Certified in Public Health and Preventive Medicine since 1996. She holds an active license to practice medicine in West Virginia and from 1994 to the present has served as Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Medicine, West Virginia University.

She maintains memberships in several professional associations, including both the American and West Virginia Academies of Family Physicians and the American and West Virginia Public Health Associations, the American College of Preventive Medicine, and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists. Over the years, she has been the recipient of numerous awards, including the West Virginia Sanitarian's Association Award of Appreciation, the Lyman-Stebbins MPH Award, the Mead Johnson National Award for Graduate Education in Family Practice, the Resident Teaching Award, the Sandoz Award in Undergraduate Medical Research, and the American Medical Women's Association Award. She received membership awards in the Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society and the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. Dr. Slemp has co-authored numerous articles which have appeared in several publications, including *Morbidity & Mortality Weekly Review* and the *West Virginia Medical Journal*, and has been involved in a variety of public health special projects on a statewide and national basis. She has given workshops and courses and lectured regularly throughout West Virginia on communicable disease, public health, and cancer.

Dr. Slemp lives in Cabell County, West Virginia, with her husband, Chris Branham, M.D., and their two children. Their oldest was very excited about entering

kindergarten this fall, and their youngest, when not chasing after her older brother, is usually found impersonating superheroes, dinosaurs, or other lively creatures.

## West Virginia Board of Medicine Board Members

<b>Angelo N. Georges, M.D., President</b> Wheeling	<b>Carmen R. Rexrode, M.D., Vice President</b> Moorefield
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**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
2002 MEETINGS**

**November 4**

**NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL REQUEST FORM**

- Yes, I would like to receive my newsletter via e-mail instead of U.S. mail  
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Original Signature of Licensee is Required

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM**

**WV License No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Change:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Licensee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS:**

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(Note that telephone numbers are not considered public information.)

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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